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would like to schedule a telephone interview at your earliest convenience. My question relates to the relevance of Kathail (U.S. 5,802,365), which appears to be concerned with matching a driver to a hardware device, and the presently claimed invention, which relates to determining if a replacement firmware (update, etc.) is compatible with the old firmware based on the old and replacement firmwares either 1) being in the same family or 2) being deemed compatible by a compatibility table.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,

Jim Boice

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